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ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL

Honorable Alvin F. Krupp
Graham County Attorney
Safford, Arizona

Dear Alvin:

This will acknowledge your letter of November 25, 1960 in which you request to be informed as to whether a female of 18 years of age or over may be legally adopted under the provisions of Section 8-101, Arizona Revised Statutes.

A.R.S. § 8-101 provides as follows:

"A minor child may be adopted by an adult person as authorized, and subject to the rules prescribed in this article. The person adopting a child shall be at least ten years older than the person adopted, and the consent of the child, if over the age of twelve years, is necessary to its adoption."

A.R.S. § 1-215 entitled "Definitions", paragraph 15, states:

"15. 'Minor' means a person under the age of twenty-one years."

You will note that the definition of minor above quoted makes no distinction between male or female.

It is, accordingly, the opinion of this office that a female under the age of twenty-one years is a minor child and may be legally adopted under the provisions of A.R.S. § 8-101, subject to the rules prescribed in Title 8, Chapter 1, Article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes.

Very truly yours,

WADE CHURCH
The Attorney General

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Assistant Attorney General

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